

not give any reason why he or she will not do this. Is that correct?

SENATOR HEFNER: The state statutes as they are now says that a county treasurer doesn't have to give that person the same license plate year after year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hefner, you have been very helpful and very straightforward. If this silly idea is going to be taken serious enough to have the Legislature enact a law and the law is not special legislation aimed at a few rich influential people in small counties or other counties in the State of Nebraska, then the policy ought to be applied uniformly across the state for every citizen. The Legislature should not enact a law favoring people who live in sparsely populated counties unless you are going to charge a lesser license fee for those in the larger counties who will not benefit from this law which is supposed to apply to all citizens. Whim is not a good basis for enforcement of the law. A county treasurer could have somebody come in and persuade him or her not to comply with this law and there is nothing wrong if that is done. I think it is a very poor legislative practice to adopt a policy, then leave it up to one individual as to whether or not that policy is to be given effect. I am wondering how many other laws that are supposed to apply to everybody would be acceptable if written in this fashion, that everybody will pay taxes if, in the judgment of the county treasurer, the person ought to pay taxes. Everybody will receive their license plate that they used to have if their county treasurer decides that they should have that license tab. That is not good. I hope you will look at what the Legislature is doing by adopting a policy such as this. If you must do this you ought to at least make it mandatory that it happens the same way in all counties so that all citizens can expect to get the same treatment. With the publicity that has been given to this issue, Senator Hefner, people in Douglas County might think they have the right to expect to get the same license number they had but they don't. The citizens in Lancaster County don't have that right. The citizens in any county that has any population to speak of will not benefit from this law although the impression has been given that we are acting on behalf of the citizens of Nebraska. No, this bill is on behalf of